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SUBJECT: VISIT TO TUNISIA OF SULTAN QABUS

1. SULTAN QABUS OF OMAN WAS IN TUNIS ON OFFICIAL VISIT FROM AUG 28 TO 31. FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF OFFICIAL PORTION OF VISIT, HE REMAINED SEVERAL DAYS ON PRIVATE VACATION. HE FINALLY LEFT TUNIS ON SEPT 4. LOCAL ARAB AND FRENCH PRESS GAVE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO ACTIVITIES OF SULTAN, WHO SPENT CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME WITH PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA. DURING SOJOURN, SULTAN ALSO MET WITH PRIME MINISTER NOUIRA AS WELL AS OTHER CABINET MINISTERS.

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2. JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT END OF VISIT INTER ALIA

(A) FOCUSED ON " THE DEEP AND AGE-OLD TIES WHICH UNITED THE TWO BROTHER PEOPLES", (B) REAFFIRMED FULL SUPPORT OF TWO CHIEFS OF STATE FOR PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE, (C) EXPRESSED HOMAGE OF QABUS FOR PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA'S EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF PALESTINIAN CAUSE, (D) UNDERLINED IMPORTANCE OF DIRECT CONTACT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND NEED TO CONSOLIDATE FURTHER RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO PEOPLES, AND (E) EXTENDED INVITATION FROM SULTAN TO BOURGUIBA TO MAKE OFFICIAL VISIT TO OMAN WHICH WAS ACCEPTED BY BOURGUIBA WITH DATE TO BE FIXED IN NEAR FUTURE.

3. COMMENT: QABUS VISIT APPEARED TO BE SOCIAL SUCCESS. IT IS DOUBTFUL, HOWEVER, THAT MUCH ELSE WAS ACCOMPLISHED ALTHOUGH THE PRESS HAS MENTIONED DISPATCH IN NEAR FUTURE OF TUNISIAN EXPERTS TO OMAN. MEANWHILE, SULTAN HAS RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF ATTENTION IN LOCAL NEWS MEDIA. SOME HAVE CONFUSED OMAN WITH UAE AND TUNISIANS MANY WELL BE INSPIRED BY VISIONS OF OMANI ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.
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